



Dear Families—

Welcome back to school! We're especially excited to welcome the families new to the school, including the incoming kindergartners, Class of 2036!

I promise this is the only time we'll inundate you with lots of papers from the PTA, but there's so much to know and do at the beginning of the school year. **If you hate seeing all this paper, I encourage you to complete your forms online.** Everything is available on our website at www.crestedbuttepta.org on the homepage under **QUICK LINKS**. You can also send all the papers back in the folder, and we will repurpose them by bringing them to various back-to-school events and PTA gatherings. But if paper is easier for you, then grab that pen and scribe away!

So what's on tap for the PT-YAY this year? Well, **you can support teachers** by donating to our popular staff appreciation efforts, including monthly catered meals, concierge coffee cart, free wellness services, classroom micro-grants. Plus, we'll continue to coordinate holiday and year-end giving on behalf of parents.

To help enhance student programs, your contribution helps provide grants to the school to supplement opportunities for our students, including ski, swim, and dance programs, as well as low-cost after-school programming. In the secondary school, the PTA provides grants to support student-led initiatives, family engagement, and free tutoring services. The PTA also coordinates programs throughout the year like Room Parents, After-Prom, School Supplies Drive, Original Works, Reflections, and more. **If you are ever wondering, "What Does the PTA Do," please check out our website or follow us on FB and Instagram at @CBCS_PTA.**

And our biggest initiative this year will be our **Get Out The Vote campaign for the November school board elections**. Look for more information rolling out on our website and emails soon. As a 501c3, the PTA cannot endorse particular candidates, but we *can* encourage everyone to get informed. Crested Butte students make up 35% of the student population in the district, so your vote matters in our leadership.

Lastly, we're kicking off a fresh volunteer signup effort here at the start of the school year. I often hear people say, "I'm not really the PTA type," to which I reply, "said everyone in Crested Butte." The reality is YOU ARE the PTA. The PTA is a 125 year-old organization that's still relevant because connecting parents to teachers and families to the school (and to each other) will always be in the best interest of **our children's potential to thrive.**

There are numerous ways to support your own child in their educational journey, but our goal as the PTA is to help make it easier and more inclusive for parents, school staff, and the broader community to form the village that it takes to **help ALL children flourish.**

The CBCS PTA is the *only* 501c3 nonprofit organization in Crested Butte dedicated exclusively to K-12 education. **I hope you'll skim our emails, check our website, and join some events throughout the year to stay informed and connected.** And hey, if you choose to volunteer, donate, or attend meetings.... that's amazing, too!

With great appreciation and respect,

Margaux Helvey, CBCS PTA President

In this packet,* you will find:

- PTA Donation and Membership Form
- PTA Family Directory Form
- Volunteer "9 in 9" Pledge
- Appreciation notes from teachers and staff

*All forms are available at **crestedbuttepta.org** (On the home page, look for Quick Links)

P.S. Come visit us at the PTA booth at Back To School Bash on Wed Sept 6th to receive some fun prizes and giveaways for anyone who signs up for Membership. **Membership Scholarships are available. We never want cost to be a barrier to showing your support.** Contact membership@crestedbuttepta.org

P.P.S. One of our sponsors, **Crested Butte Dental has donated a \$500 certificate toward dental services** that we will be drawing from our Membership database next Friday, Sept. 8th!! Don't delay.